

### RATE INCREASES MAY BE ACCEPTED

Shippers Coming to See  
Railroads' Side of  
Problem.

**MORGAN & CO.**  
**USE INFLUENCE**

Powerful Financial Interests  
Bring Pressure to Bear on Ship-  
pers With Result That Com-  
promise May Be Effected.  
Statement Now in Course  
of Preparation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
New York, June 20.—The efforts re-  
cently made to induce shippers to ac-  
cept some increase in freight rates, in  
which negotiations a prominent  
part has been taken by G. W. Perkins,  
of J. P. Morgan & Company, have  
reached a point, it was said to-day,  
at which many shippers are willing to  
withdraw opposition to an advance in  
rates by the railroads.

A statement in reference to the pro-  
posed increase was in course of pre-  
paration to-day, and may be made pub-  
lic to-morrow, in which it is expected  
the modified views of some of the  
country's most important shippers in  
reference to an increase will be made  
known.

**Confer With Taft.**  
It was at the suggestion of Western  
shippers that the recent injunction  
proceedings against the Western rail-  
roads were instituted by the govern-  
ment, and since the suspension of the  
proposed increase, representatives of  
the shippers have had a conference  
with President Taft about the project.

While this has been going on, power-  
ful financial influence has been  
brought to bear on the shippers, par-  
ticularly those whose business centers  
in Chicago, to give their approval to  
some increase in rates to rescue the  
railroads from the necessity of cur-  
tailing their expenditures for improve-  
ments and for new work which the  
management of practically all rail-  
roads contend they will have to do un-  
less a large margin of incomes over  
expenditures can be established by  
means of higher rates. What the West-  
ern as well as the Eastern railroads  
have been attempting to bring about  
is an increase in rates of from 10 to  
a large number of commodities averag-  
ing perhaps an increase of 10 per cent.

**See Need of Increase.**  
The statement made in an authori-  
tative quarter to-day that favorable  
progress had been made in the nego-  
tiations with the shippers in respect  
to rate increases, was not taken as  
meaning that shippers were ready to ac-  
cept all the rate increases proposed by  
the railroads, but rather that they  
were coming to accept the need of  
some increase in rates, and are dis-  
posed to take friendly attitude in  
the discussion before the Interstate Commerce  
Commission, for which the railroads are  
expected to make application almost  
immediately under the provisions of  
the law which has just been signed.

President Taft, it is said, has told  
the commission may pass on the pro-  
posed changes in advance of their be-  
ing put into effect by the railroads.

### PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Lawyer Sara Kittle in Victim of "Pen  
and Ink Artist."

New York, June 20.—Charles A. Kittle,  
member of the banking firm of  
H. F. Kittle & Co., was indicted on  
Friday last with James A. Patten  
and six others on charges of conspiracy  
to defraud the United States by  
obtaining money from the United States  
Judge Hand to-day, and pleaded not  
guilty. Kittle was given until Thurs-  
day to change his plea or make any  
desired motion. He furnished the \$5,000  
bail demanded.

Adrian H. Kittle, counsel for Kittle,  
told Judge Hand that he would like  
to examine the minutes taken before  
the grand jury, and that he had  
possibly made a mistake in the in-  
dictment, which he styled an extra-  
ordinary document. He said in look-  
ing over the facts in the indictment  
he found that the victim of the "pen  
and ink artist," as his name  
had been written in the indictment  
after it was printed, was not a man  
afterthought, and was evidently  
dead because Kittle refused to answer  
questions before the grand jury.

### FEUD FATAL TO TWO

Man and Woman Killed as Result of  
Kentucky Quarrel.

Jackson, Ky., June 20.—A man and  
a woman died as a result of a quarrel  
which broke out at the residence of  
the man, who was fatally wounded, at the  
sum of a quarrel, which had its tragic  
ending Sunday at Jetts Creek, Breath-  
itt county. News of the tragedy be-  
came public to-day. The alleged slay-  
er is Asbury Spicer, who figured promi-  
nently in the murder of a man in  
connection with the murder of Dr. Cox.

The victims of yesterday's shooting  
are Spicer's nephew, Asbury Fugate,  
and Mrs. Demit Johnson, who lived in  
Fugate's household, and Fugate's  
mother, the latter a sister of Spicer.  
The two former were killed. Fugate  
was a tenant on his uncle's farm, and  
the affray is alleged to have been the  
result of a dispute over a woman.  
Mrs. Fugate is alleged to have been  
shot by her brother while defending  
her son from attack.

Sheriff Hudson went to Jetts Creek  
to-day in response to a message say-  
ing that Spicer desired to surrender.  
It is supposed that the prisoner  
will be brought to Jackson by to-mor-  
row.

### WOMAN'S PERILOUS FLIGHT

Battles With Elements in Balloon 1,600  
Feet.

St. Louis, Mo., June 20.—After bat-  
tling with the elements for three  
hours, Miss Julia Hoerner last night  
fulfilled her determination to be the  
first woman to pilot a balloon in a  
pleasure flight.

The flight, an ascension shortly be-  
fore 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and  
within a half hour a heavy electrical  
storm arose. The balloon was swept  
backward and forward at an altitude  
of 1,600 feet in the clouds, and finally  
John Berry, to help her to make the  
descent.

The landing was made nine miles  
from St. Louis.

### PLEA FOR PURITY MADE BY HUGHES

Wants Corrupt and Im-  
proper Practices  
Rooted Out.

**SENDS MESSAGE  
TO LEGISLATURE**

People Dissatisfied With Party  
Management, Which Subverts  
Government to Greed of Pol-  
iticians—Asks for Ample  
Authority in Ferreting  
Out of Wrongdoing.

Albany, N. Y., June 20.—Governor  
Hughes sent a special message to  
the Legislature, which convened in  
extraordinary session to-day, in which  
he recommends the enactment of a  
law making suitable provision for di-  
rect nomination of candidates for  
public offices an amendment to the  
constitution providing for an investiga-  
tion into corrupt and improper prac-  
tices in connection with legislation  
so as to give the committee ample  
authority, and the consideration of the  
financial condition of the State, and  
the best means to provide additional  
revenue. Governor Hughes, in his  
message, says in part:

"I recommend for your consideration  
the amendment to the constitution  
relating to primaries, the making  
of suitable provision for direct nomi-  
nations of candidates for public office,  
and in connection therewith provision  
for representative and responsible  
party management.

"The people are dissatisfied with ex-  
isting conditions and demand a change.  
Whatever may be said of imperfec-  
tions in the laws relating to this mat-  
ter, the fact is that the present condi-  
tion of affairs is such that there is no  
question that the laws reflect a  
wholesome sentiment which is coun-  
try-wide, and cannot be denied. That  
sentiment is that the instrumentalities  
of party management shall not be  
used as a means to facilitate the pur-  
poses of those who would subvert gov-  
ernment to their selfish advantage.

"We must safeguard the purity of  
the ballot and protect our general  
electorate from violence and fraud; but  
to secure the administration of gov-  
ernment upon a sound basis, we must  
insist not only upon proper methods  
on election day, but a fair and free op-  
portunity within the party on primary  
day.

"The message lays particular stress on  
the Governor's belief that the resolution  
for an inquiry into corrupt prac-  
tices as adopted by the Legislature is  
inadequate and unsatisfying and says  
it is important to the public interest  
that the authority of the investigating  
committee be enlarged.

**To Discharge Duties.**  
"No one can favor the exploiting of  
baseless rumors or the subjection of  
the people to unjust and harassing  
suspicions," the message says in re-  
gard, "but, on the other hand, every  
effort should be made to disclose and  
if possible to punish those who have  
perpetrated through legislative cor-  
ruption the greatest wrongs from  
which the State has suffered. It is due  
to the people of the State that those  
who have betrayed their trust or have  
poisoned the springs of the government  
should be uncovered and branded and  
that whether or not this result can  
be accomplished by the measures now  
taken to that end should be such as  
to secure public confidence.

"I make this recommendation to the  
end that nothing should be lost  
through want of power or thorough-  
ness and by a process of inquiry con-  
ducted broadly and with directness  
at this opportune time will not only  
result in improvement of methods with  
respect to legislative action and pro-  
cedure, but also protect the honor and  
dignity of officers of government who  
in the main, and in that of the Leg-  
islature, are honorably striving to do  
their duty and who detest and desire  
to eradicate the corrupt and improper  
practices of the law, by which they  
are involved in an unjust and common  
reproach."

### BISHOP IS DETERMINED

Declares Church Will Fight in Univer-  
sity Matter.

Nashville, Tenn., June 20.—"The  
church is going to contend for it and  
not surrender a hair's breadth," said  
Bishop Doane to-night, referring to the  
action of the board of trustees of Van-  
derbilt University in refusing to re-  
cognize the three members elected to the  
General Conference of the Methodist Epis-  
copal Church, South, to fill the vacan-  
cies in that body. The bishop  
declared that the decision of the com-  
mission (appointed by the church to  
consider the university's case) was  
in every way sound and just, and it  
will contend for it to the end.

"The issue has been fairly joined,"  
said the bishop, "and there will be no  
compromise. The naked question is  
whether the church, which originated  
the university, will stand by its solemn  
affirmation of the trustees them-  
selves, put on their own record three  
years ago, owns the university, has any  
right to control it, the church does  
not control the university, it intends  
to know the fact, and the sooner the  
matter can be brought to a close the  
better it will be for all concerned."

The bishop stated that while no  
definite action could be taken until a  
meeting of the College of Bishops is  
held, there is no doubt at all in his  
mind that there would be a suit.

### TAFT PRESSES BUTTON

He Sets Wheels of Great Exposition in  
Motion.

Detroit, Mich., June 20.—In accor-  
dance with a promise made during his  
recent visit here, President Taft, at  
Washington to-night, pushed a button  
for the opening of Detroit's industrial  
exposition. When the signal came over  
the wires, thousands of incandescent  
lights strung along the river front  
sprang into illumination. Nearly every  
factory, locomotive and steamboat  
whistle in the city and along the river  
tooted for two minutes, and every  
church bell rang.

The exposition, which is said to sur-  
pass any exhibition ever staged in  
the history of a single city, is  
housed in two buildings on the water  
front. The collection of exhibits in  
it is estimated, exceeds \$1,500,000  
in value.

### EMPHATIC "I DO'S" GET MANY SMILES

Nothing Timorous About  
Young Roosevelt's  
Wedding Responses.

**BRIDE'S VOICE  
IS INAUDIBLE**

New York, June 20.—Theodore  
Roosevelt, Jr., and Miss Eleanor But-  
ler Alexander were married at 4  
o'clock this afternoon in the Fifth  
Avenue Presbyterian Church. Bride  
and bridegroom knelt on white satin  
cushions for their responses. The  
bride's voice was inaudible, but young  
Roosevelt said, "I do," with an em-  
phasis that brought many smiles  
among the guests.

Long before the hour set for the  
wedding the neighborhood of the  
church was packed with crowds of the  
curious. A special detail of 100 po-  
licemen held them at a distance. Over  
the shoulders of the officers peaked  
milliners and dressmakers, note books  
in hand.

Miss Alexander was escorted to the  
church by the same mounted officer, an  
old cavalry man of Spanish war days,  
who rode at the show of Theodore  
Roosevelt last Saturday in the land  
parade from the Battery to the park,  
and when she came out as Mrs. Theo-  
dore Roosevelt, Jr., he saw her safely  
to the reception, given after the cere-  
mony at the home of Mrs. Charles B.  
Alexander, an aunt of the bride.

Conspicuous among the guests were  
forty-two Rough Riders in full uni-  
form.

**Elaborate Decorations.**  
More beautiful decorations than those  
of the church to-day are not remem-  
bered at any of the brilliant  
weddings to which a sophisticated  
city has grown used.

Colonel Roosevelt sat with his wife  
and their children, Quentin and Arch-  
ibald, behind the altar. Mrs. Nicholas  
Longworth, Mrs. Longworth wore a  
white chiffon gown, trimmed with  
black and pale yellow, with a big black  
and yellow hat, and a profusion of  
jewelry.

The bride wore a high-necked gown  
of soft white satin and tulle, richly  
trimmed with duchesse lace, which had  
been worn by the bride's mother and  
grandmother at their weddings. Her  
train was three yards long and her veil  
fell to her waist.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Henry Ad-  
dison Alexander, gave her away. Mrs.  
Alexander wore a pale yellow chiffon  
gown, with a Louis XV. train of blue  
and gold brocade and a large hat trim-  
med with a single, very large, ostrich  
plume. The matron of honor was Mrs.  
George F. B. Roche Hamilton. Flies  
Elizabeth Hernton until a few weeks  
ago, when Miss Alexander was maid of  
honor at her wedding. She wore a  
hodie of dull pink tulle, and carried  
forget-me-nots. The bridesmaids were  
Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the bridegroom's  
sister, the Misses Harriet and Jeanette  
Alexander, cousins of the bride, and  
Miss Jean W. Delano and Miss Jessie  
Millington Drake. They wore leghorn  
hats, trimmed with pink roses, white  
chiffon gowns with point d'esprit flounces  
caught up with blue ribbon. Kermit  
Roosevelt, a brother of the bridegroom,  
was the best man.

The ushers were George Emlen  
Roosevelt and Monroe Douglas Rob-  
inson, cousins of the bridegroom, and  
George F. B. Roche Hamilton. Flies  
John W. Cutting, John W. Cutler,  
Grafton Chapman, Elliot Cutler and E.  
Morgan Gable.

**An Hour of Music.**  
The ceremony was performed by the  
Rev. Henry M. Sanders, D. D., great-  
uncle of the bridegroom. The guests  
assembled there was an hour of music  
by an orchestra of fifty pieces, all the  
members of which were young people  
of the bride's family, an accomplished mu-  
sicalian.

Among the guests were Mrs. Russell  
Sage, Mrs. M. B. Alexander, John  
Burroughs, the naturalist; Rear-  
Admiral and Mrs. Cowles (Mrs. Cowles  
is a sister of Theodore Roosevelt, Sr.),  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mr.  
and Mrs. F. B. Roosevelt, Secretary of  
the Navy, Meyer and Mrs. Meyer, May-  
or Gaynor and Mrs. Gaynor.

There were many presents to the  
bride, but they were not made pub-  
licly. The bride received a diamond  
medallion from Mrs. Russell Sage, a diamond  
tiara from Mrs. C. B. Alexander, a dozen  
diamond pins from Mrs. M. B. Alexan-  
der, an imposing silver vase from  
President Taft and a gold mirror from  
Mrs. George J. Gould.

After the honeymoon is over the  
bride couple will take up their resi-  
dence at San Francisco, where young  
Roosevelt will enter business.

### HENRY NEVILLE DEAD

Noted English Actor Had Played in  
United States.

London, June 20.—Henry Neville, the  
actor and dramatic teacher, died here  
yesterday.

Henry Neville was born in Manches-  
ter. He made his first London appear-  
ance at the Lyceum in 1860. He was  
lessee and manager of the Olympic  
Theatre from 1873 to 1879, and founded  
a dramatic school in 1884. Among his  
most prominent parts were Bob Brierly in  
"Ticket of Leave Man"; Charles Sur-  
face, in "School for Scandal"; and Cap-  
tain Absolute, in "The Rivals." He  
also appeared in "The Soudan," which  
had a long run in America.

### RUSSIAN RELEASED

Police Fail to Connect Him With Mrs.  
Charlton's Murder.

Como, Italy, June 20.—Constantine  
Isopoltoff, the Russian who has been  
detained here since last August, prob-  
ably that the agreement when made  
public will be found to have provided  
for a commission of three  
persons, which will determine the mer-  
its of the various demands.

Thomas F. Ryan III.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
New York, June 20.—The American  
will announce in the morning that  
Isopoltoff is ill, and that he will sail  
Wednesday for a long rest.



**MARRIED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY**  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT JR. MISS ELEANOR BUTLER ALEXANDER. CURTIS BELL PHOTO

### PARSONS MAY WIN SEAT IN CONGRESS

Committee of House Said to Favor Contest of Repub-  
lican.

### EX-PRESIDENT TAKES UP LIFE AS PRIVATE CITIZEN

Colonel Roosevelt Goes to His Desk as Magazine Editor.

### 2 BATTLESHIPS TO COST \$12,000,000

This Sum Is Exclusive of Armor and Armament.

### MAKE DECISION TO-DAY

OFFICES ARE LUXURIOUS

### NAVAL BILL REPORTED

Secretary Meyer Wins Victory for His Scheme of Reorganization.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, June 20.—Chairman Miller, of the House Elections Com-  
mittee No. 2, said to-day that he be-  
lieved the committee would decide  
the contest of John M. Parsons, Re-  
publican, against E. W. Saunders,  
Democratic incumbent from the Fifth  
Virginia District, in favor of Parsons.  
The committee discussed the case to-  
day and will render a decision to-mor-  
row.

Mr. Miller stated after the meeting  
that while no vote has been taken, he  
believed the committee would decide  
to unseat Representative Saunders.

The committee stands six Republi-  
cans to three Democrats, but one of  
the Republican members is Represen-  
tative Nelson of Wisconsin, an in-  
surgent, and his vote is in doubt.

There were three points at issue be-  
tween Parsons and Saunders. First,  
the charge by Parsons that a man  
named Matthews, who had been in an  
asylum, was permitted by the State  
authorities to place his name on the  
election ticket. Second, that a num-  
ber of men who had not paid their poll  
tax in accordance with the State law  
were permitted to vote, and third, that  
the entrance door of the State capitol  
was removed from the district in order to make it Demo-  
cratic.

The gerrymander charges, it is un-  
derstood, caused the committee to  
come to the decision of Parsons. The  
Republicans did not believe that the  
State acted within the limits of the  
Constitution in making two changes in  
the district after one census.

It is not believed that the committee  
will press for a consideration of its re-  
solutions, but that it will simply re-  
cognize the fact that the State has  
acted within the limits of the Consti-  
tution in making two changes in the  
district after one census.

The contest of J. A. Smith, Republi-  
can, for the seat in the House of Rep-  
resentatives in the North Carolina Dis-  
trict, was decided to-day by House Elections  
Committee No. 2 in favor of Webb.

H. E. C. B.

**Old Claims Involved**  
Agreement With America Admitted in  
London, June 20.—The report that  
James Bryce, British ambassador at  
Washington, had been authorized by  
his government to make an agreement  
with the United States regarding the  
pecuniary claims agreement was officially  
confirmed by Thomas M. Wood, Under  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,  
in the House of Commons to-day. Mr.  
Wood stated that the Foreign Office  
was now in communication with the State  
Department regarding the publication of the terms  
of the agreement.

The signing of the British-American  
pecuniary claims agreement marks the  
end of prolonged negotiations. The last  
general claims commission was con-  
vened in 1853. It dealt with claims  
which had arisen since 1812. In the  
seventies the Civil War claims were  
disposed of. The present negotiations  
thus concern claims dating back before 1812 and  
with general claims which have arisen  
since 1853. In the general arbitration  
treaty between the United States and  
Great Britain, which was signed in  
April, 1908, a provision was made that  
the treaty would not apply to existing  
claims. It is probable that the agreement  
when made public will be found to have provided  
for a commission of three  
persons, which will determine the mer-  
its of the various demands.

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### BIG FIGHT IN PROSPECT

Ohio Democrats May Clash on Indorse-  
ment of U. S. Senators.

Dayton, O., June 20.—With pros-  
pects for a greater degree of peace in con-  
nection with nominations than in  
the past, the Ohio Democratic Convention will open  
here to-morrow.

The big fight of the convention will  
come when the State Central Commit-  
tee meets to-morrow to consider among  
other matters, the proposition to amend  
the constitution to require the in-  
dorsement of a candidate for the  
United States Senate. William J. Bryan  
has openly advocated this plan, and  
he is backed by his supporters in  
Ohio, including former Mayor Tom  
L. Johnson, of Cleveland, and the  
Cleveland delegation.

Governor Judson Harmon is opposed  
to the indorsement propositions, and  
indications are that the plan will be  
defeated, but the fight over the ques-  
tion will be a bitter one.

Governor Harmon has no opposition  
for renomination to a second term, but  
a contest is expected over the nomi-  
nation of a candidate for Lieutenant-Gov-  
ernor.

### HOUSE DEFEATS BILL CREATING FEDERAL JUDGE

Measure Sought to Ex-  
pedite Work in Fourth  
District.

### WINNING FIGHT IS MADE BY WEBB

North Carolinian Declares That  
Business in His Circuit Is De-  
creasing, and Bill Is Killed  
by Vote of 96 to 91—Car-  
lin Urges Its  
Passage.

Washington, D. C., June 20.—A lively  
debate was waged in the House to-  
night over a Senate bill to create an  
additional Federal Judge for the  
Fourth, or Virginia, North and South  
Carolina, West Virginia and Maryland  
circuits, and the bill was finally lost,  
91 to 96.

Mr. Webb, of North Carolina, in an  
impassioned appeal, backed by figures  
on a chart placed in front of the  
Speaker's rostrum, opposed the meas-  
ure, declaring that much as he dis-  
liked to admit it, the business in his  
circuit was decreasing. Mr. Carlin, of  
Virginia, and others urged the bill.

**"Pork Barrel" Bill Passes.**  
Washington, June 21.—The public  
building bill, carrying \$19,288,500 in  
authorizations for increasing cost of  
public buildings, etc., besides \$4,095,000  
for continuing contracts, was passed  
by the House at 12:50 o'clock to-night  
by a viva voce vote.

The bill had been awaited with live-  
ly interest by the public, and the vote  
began at 11:55 P. M. there was wild  
applause among the members. The  
public building bill, the so-called "pork  
barrel" of the session, was railroaded  
through the House in less than an  
hour.

Mr. Sims, of Tennessee, declaring  
that the House was running wild on  
omnibus appropriation bills, protested  
that the measure carried millions for  
the District of Columbia. His speech  
blocking a speedy passage of the bill,  
was frequently interrupted with ironic cries  
of "louder," and "vote."

"I appeal for order," demanded the  
Tennesseean.

"The chair will be in order," stentor-  
iously called the Speaker, who  
then corrected himself by insisting  
that the House be in order.

"Don't you think it's worth \$20,000,000  
to us to listen to a speech from you  
on this bill at this hour of the night?"  
demanded Mr. Burke, of Penn-  
sylvania.

Mr. Sims, proceeding, declared that  
the billion-dollar Congress would soon  
be a two-billion-dollar Congress if  
appropriations were continued at the  
present rate.

Mr. Sulzer protested in the name  
of the tax-payers of America against  
jamming a \$20,000,000 bill through  
under suspension of the rules.

"I'd like to see a roll call on this  
bill," he shouted. "I want to vote  
against it. On a demand by Mr. Sulzer  
that a roll call be had only five mem-  
bers arose to indicate they favored  
such a course.

**For Campaign Publicity.**  
Washington, June 20.—Encouraged  
by the success that has attended his  
legislative program up to this time,  
President Taft decided to-day to make  
an appeal to the public by a personal  
address before the adjournment of the  
present session of the bill providing for  
the publicity of campaign contributions in  
all campaign affecting Federal offices.

The President sent for party leaders  
in both Houses and State and  
told them that he had made a per-  
sonal pledge during the last presi-  
dential campaign to do what he could  
toward furthering the enactment of a  
publicity bill. The President had hesi-  
tated to add this bill to his program,  
however, while Congress was devoting  
itself to those measures to which the  
party had definitely committed itself  
in its platform. Now that the pro-  
gram is practically completed, he has  
decided to bring all of his influence  
to bear in behalf of the publicity bill.

Mr. Taft took Senator Burrows, of  
Michigan, for a long automobile ride  
yesterday afternoon. Mr. Burrows is  
chairman of the Senate Committee on  
Elections. When he and the President  
parted it was with the understanding  
that the campaign publicity bill would  
be called up. To-day the President  
secured the consent of Senator  
Brandegee to temporarily lay the Ap-  
alachian forest reserve bill aside in  
order that the publicity bill might be  
given the right of way as the unfin-  
ished business in the Senate follow-  
ing the disposition of the postal sav-  
ings bank bill.

**Expects Little Trouble.**  
The President does not anticipate  
any serious trouble in getting the  
bill through the House. The President  
indicated last week the strength of  
his personal influence with Congress  
when he had the Statehood bill taken  
out of the pigeon-hole, where they  
were apparently safely stored away,  
brought the House and Senate into  
agreement, and the bill made ready to  
become law. The President will sign  
the Statehood bill within the next  
day or two. The President will  
scrutinize the measure closely, though  
he has been assured that everything is  
in satisfactory form. When he trav-  
eled through Arizona and New Mexico  
last fall President Taft gave his per-  
sonal pledge for Statehood.

In some quarters there was evidence  
that the pledge was taken with a  
grain of salt, and an expression of  
this kind called out an angry rebuke  
from the President at a banquet ten-  
dered to him at Albuquerque. It will  
be with great satisfaction, therefore,  
that the President will affix his sig-  
nature to the law putting two new  
stars in the sky.

The opening of what is expected to  
be the last week of the congressional  
session found the President in ray-  
good spirits. The home-coming of Col-  
onel Roosevelt and the cordial ex-  
change of personal messages between  
him and President Taft left an added